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Because maths matters!



Mathematics in Education and Industry (MEI)

Income Generation & Industry Partnerships Trustee

Join the Board of MEI and bring your commercial experience, strategic perspective and networks to a charity working to improve lives through mathematics education.

Welcome to MEI

Thank you for your interest in joining MEI as our Income Generation & Industry Partnerships Trustee.

Mathematics has never been more important. Whether navigating modern technology, understanding data, participating in the workforce or addressing society's biggest challenges, mathematical confidence and proficiency open doors to opportunity.

Since 1963, MEI has worked to ensure that more people benefit from high-quality mathematics education. We have built a national reputation for excellence through our support for teachers, learners, policy makers and educational institutions. Today, our influence extends across schools, colleges, universities, government and industry.

As we look to the future, we are ambitious about extending our reach and increasing our impact. To achieve this, we need strong and sustainable partnerships with employers, foundations, industry bodies and philanthropic supporters who share our belief that mathematics education changes lives.

We are therefore seeking an experienced trustee who can bring strategic commercial insight, external perspective and valuable networks to help us deepen these relationships and develop sustainable income opportunities.

It is an opportunity to help shape the future direction of a nationally respected charity while supporting our mission to improve lives through mathematics education.

If you share our ambition, we would be delighted to hear from you.

Charlie Stripp MBE, FIMA, FRSA
Chief Executive, MEI

Professor Vicky Pope
Chair of Trustees, MEI





About MEI and our impact

MEI is an independent educational charity dedicated to improving lives through mathematics education. We believe everyone should have the opportunity to become proficient in maths and that nobody should be held back by poor mathematical skills.

For more than 60 years, we've worked to improve mathematics education and create opportunities for learners through:

1. National leadership

MEI is widely recognised as a leading authority on mathematics education and is frequently sought out for expert advice, guidance and support.

2. Transforming Teaching

Through our leadership within the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM), we contribute to programmes that are transforming mathematics teaching across England.

3. Increasing Participation

Through the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme (AMSP) participation in A Level Mathematics has almost doubled since 2005, while participation in Further Mathematics has tripled.

4. Expanding Opportunity

Our work focuses on ensuring fair access to excellent mathematics education for young people from all backgrounds, helping to reduce educational disadvantage and improve life chances.

5. Curriculum Innovation

MEI played a leading role in the development of Core Maths qualifications, enabling more young people to continue studying mathematics beyond age sixteen.

Find out more about our work and impact at www.mei.org.uk


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The opportunity

As a member of MEI's Board, you will share responsibility with other trustees for the charity's strategy, governance and long-term sustainability. We are particularly looking for someone who can bring experience from business, industry, corporate partnerships or philanthropy.

Your contribution will include:

- Providing strategic insight and constructive challenge on income generation, commercial opportunities and industry engagement.
- Helping MEI understand where its work could connect with the priorities of businesses and other potential partners.
- Sharing your perspective and making introductions through your professional networks.
- Serving on the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee, contributing to oversight of financial sustainability and risk.

This is a governance and advisory appointment. MEI staff lead the development and delivery of fundraising and partnership activity; trustees support and challenge that work.

What you will bring

We would welcome applications from people who can offer a combination of:

- Senior experience in business, commercial leadership, partnerships, fundraising, philanthropy or social impact.
- Sound judgement, strategic thinking and an understanding of how organisations develop sustainable relationships and income.
- Credibility and useful networks across business, industry, funders or philanthropy.
- An interest in education, skills, workforce development, numeracy or social mobility.

Being an MEI Trustee

All trustees share collective responsibility for setting strategic direction, overseeing the charity's resources and financial sustainability, meeting legal and regulatory responsibilities, safeguarding its reputation and holding the Chief Executive to account.

Practical Details

The role is voluntary and unremunerated, with expenses reimbursed. The initial term is three years, with the possibility of two further terms.

Time Commitment

The Board meets four times a year, typically for around three hours: two meetings are likely to be online and two in person. There is also one in-person strategy day each year.

This appointment includes membership of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee. Committees usually meet online four to six times a year for approximately two hours.

Trustees also allow time to read papers and may provide occasional advice between meetings.

Induction and training are provided. Trustees are encouraged to attend part of MEI's annual conference where possible. In-person trustee events are currently held in Bristol, and reasonable travel expenses are reimbursed.

How to apply

Please submit a CV and short covering letter through the MEI website, explaining your interest in the role and what you would bring to the Board.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview and will have an opportunity to speak informally with trustees about MEI and the role. They will also be asked to submit a short video.

MEI is committed to an inclusive selection process and will consider reasonable adjustments at any stage.

The preferred candidate will be asked for references and to complete the necessary eligibility and pre-appointment checks. Appointment is subject to approval by the full Board.

For more information about MEI, including our annual reports and accounts, visit: www.mei.org.uk

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Interview Date

To be confirmed.

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